

**Starting Out Another Year
Full of Vim and Vigor**

● WITH FIVE Saturdays in this month, and with a page or so as heretofore devoted to each issue, this pamphlet would normally be more than well filled. But some of the pages have been extended (Jan. 3rd even doubled in content). And so this booklet is well crammed with reading. As a consequence the pictures are held down to three.

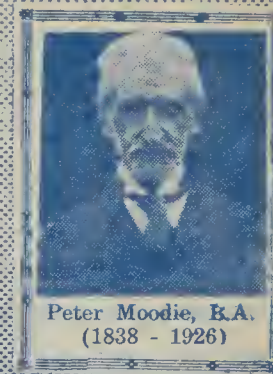
● THE ABOVE was not planned. It just happened. The Moodies made an extra effort to publish ALL the "important" news that crowded in on the festive season - mainly the elections, and they did it under duress - with severe colds. So we, with lots of time, & also with more-modern machinery to aid us, thought we should do a little extra too.

● ALSO, WE FIND IT ALL so intensely interesting and rewarding. And it is so much easier now than when we started out a year ago. Over the 12 issues some short-cuts have been worked in. As has been mentioned, the copy is set on a linotype, but getting it from the micro-films to the copy board has proved a problem, and quite a few different methods were dreamed up. At the present stage of the on-going creative process the following procedure is in vogue: The micro films are mounted in standard 35-mm glass slides and projected onto enlarging paper for an approximate 15-times enlargement. When processed this provides a sheet somewhat larger than the original page, & therefore quite easily read. Then, by cutting the sheet into strips for easier handling on the linotype, the job of putting the type (that was hand-set "100 Years Ago") back on to paper has been much simplified, though somewhat more costly. But an added benefit is to have the complete pages on hand once the strips have been reassembled.

● FROM THE ABOVE to the printed pamphlet the stages are a mixture of "letterpress" and "offset" processes. The proofed sheets are assembled into 6-col. pages; these are photographed (reduced to 80% of original size) and the resulting negative used to make offset plates to be used on the press. Gathering the five sheets, stapling and addressing, completes the monthly effort.

● BUT FOR ALL our avowed interest in the project, we wish to state clearly (as we did at the start) that it's a month-by-month effort, and can be suspended, or discontinued entirely, without notice. There are many influencing factors; one of them turned up again Dec. 20th.

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890



GLADSTONE

100 *Years Ago*

January

1885

SAT., JAN. 3rd, 1885:

And this is 1885!

Kittson, of the old Kittson line, is paralyzed.

Miss Plaunt has been visiting her uncle, Mr. Jas. Doherty.

Through some mistake we publish in our usual form this week. Next, we expect to have in reduced size. Any slimmess (that is, more than usual) set down to severe cold that has been stalking both of us, as it has others here. To issue at all, necessitated working all New Year's day and night, which goes much against the grain of Scotsmen.

We congratulate Mr. J. McGregor on being re-elected by acclamation, Reeve of Lansdowne. The ratepayers gave the best proof they could that they thought he deserved it.

Mr. Arnold Williams has acquired the job of repairing Westbourne bridge, his tender being owest. Six tendered, the rest not much above and the highest almost double; thus proving the profit in calling for tenders.

Among the visitors on Nomination Day were Messrs. Lynch & Stewart, of Totogan.

A surprise party was spent very enjoyably New Year's night at Mr. Broadfoot's large and hospitable mansion in town. (It is well to remember that the town at that time extended 2 miles each way from the Dennis-Morris intersection. The house mentioned is not only on the same location as the present Broadfoot house west of town, but the very same building - erected in 1883).

Mr. and Mrs. Clubb, who have been spending a week at Riding Mtn., returned home New Year's day.

We are informed the Church of England purposes shortly to give a grand concert in aid of their church building fund.

A fine specimen of elk fell under the rifle of Mr. A. Lockhart in the Silver Stream settlement last week. It weighed well onto 300 lbs. and with the handsomest antlers ever seen here, which Rev. F. Jephcott secured to use his taxidermist skill on.

Mr. Dean, who is recently back from Wpg., thinks we can scare up more holiday excitement for our size than the big city. The

fish industry is assuming large proportions, he informs us. Rae-burn, of High Bluff, and others, are shipping very largely to Chicago, the rate being \$4.00 per 100 lbs. for white fish and \$1.00 for jack fish, the St. Paul market being glutted. A duty of 1/2 a cent per lb. is to be placed on all exported fish. There is talk of introducing the refrigerative system as cost of transmission, packed in ice, is too great to pay.

The M. & N.W. is now ready to let tenders for 50 miles of bridging timber and ties.

The money-order department of our post office was re-opened on Jan. 1st. (It will be recalled that this portion of the post office service was closed last year when the postmastership changed hands, and not re-opened when Mr. Rose took over).

Three of the new aspirants for office favorably impressed last Tuesday's large audience. Mr. J. A. Broadfoot for the manly avowal of his sentiments, and the Messrs. Lackey & Dobbin for the pointed and free manner of their speaking. (We wonder if this is the same Dobbin that the 14-year-old Ed. Hyndman told us about but who he had assumed had gone back east early in the settlement years. Ed. had galloped ahead of his party as they neared "Palestine" in hopes of being first to notify his uncle, Geo. McCrae of their arrival. But he turned off the trail too soon (about 2 miles east) and wandered into a vacant log house, which he learned later belonged to a Mr. Dobbin. The yr. was 1872).

Our Member and Mr. Strong, of Wpg., made a flying visit here the end of last week.

Mr. R. Ferguson, teacher of Morris, and Mrs. Ferguson, have been spending the Xmas holidays here.

A full account of the annual meeting of the Presbyterian church; of the Ch. of England, and other matters, are held over. Reason: an unusual amount of municipal matters.

Nominations for reeve & Councillors for the Municipality of Lansdowne, held at Arden last Tuesday, resulted in all officers being elected by acclamation except in one ward, to wit: Reeve, J. McGregor; Councillors: Ward 1, J. Milnie; 2, L. McGhie; 3, A. McKenzie; 4, R. Riddell; 5, be-

tween S. McGorman & W. Montgomery; 6, O. Babcock.

The advent of the New Year was waited for and ushered in by some of the Gladstone boys with all the usual ceremonies, to the roar of musketry being added the loud huzza and the sonorous bass of some of our jovial citizens, while Mr. Neville, with his young improvised brass band, discoursed suitable music all over the town.

The Church of England social and concert last Mon. night was the best of the season. The substantial part of the entertainment was a feast sufficient to satisfy the most imperious and tempt the most fastidious. The ladies of the congregation well deserved all the recognition that their efforts to feast the audience called forth. The musical & intellectual feast was equally good. Sorry we cannot particularize more.

If you want to see something new and striking don't miss the Oddfellows' Concert on Wednesday evening in Andrews Hall, where along with other spicy & racy entertainment, will be produced by a powerful cast, with appropriate scenery & costumes, the soul-stirring drama entitled, 'The Brigands of Calabria.' Take your wife or girl along, and if you have neither, borrow... else they're sure to be mad and you to your sorrow.

Those who were present at Rev. A. Bell's lecture on "Fashions" last Friday evening had a rare treat. The intellectual force, moral courage and healthy sentiment bristling from every line of it, well entitle it to assume printed form, so as to exert an influence commensurate with the importance of the subject & the skill and temper displayed in handling it.—The rev. gentleman preached with great acceptance to a large congregation here last Sunday.

Mr. Rhind ((of Westbourne)), threw out a suggestion on Nomination Day which may be found to be good and workable when people have more time to think it out. He would like the electors of each ward to have the privilege of saying whether or not they shall spend any money for general improvements, and how much; thus taking it out of the Council's hands the levying of a uniform rate over the whole municipality for such. On the first blush of the thing it appears a step in the right direction because it throws the responsibility for making improvements on those shoulders that ought to bear it, viz., the people's own. The more directly they take charge of their own business the less chance is there of having things done they don't want, and the more likelihood of their having what they do want done just as they wish it.

((Editorial)) . . .

While believing it to be no part of our business to interfere in ward elections other than to avail ourselves of a ratepayer's privilege of voting for the candidate we prefer for the wards we vote in for ward considerations, the case is different for the reeveahip, and we think we are right in stating why we prefer Mr. West for the position. If we can influence anyone's vote by so doing so much the better if it is with, so much the worse if it goes against us.

Our choice is not made from personal sympathies for the longer time we have known Mr. Nicol, our closer intimacy, the proverbial clannishness of our race and our sense of his general good-fellowship would otherwise hopelessly shut out his opponent from our suffrages.

Public considerations require one to over-ride such. Not laying much stress on the fact that Mr. West has been for the last two years a public man, we lay more on this that he has been a tried man, and still more on this that the legitimate outcome of public opinion as to his course in the past is, that he may be trusted in the future, in all which stages of public opinion Mr. Nicol has yet to win his spurs.

Mr. West is also entitled to the credit of bringing to the front by his acts this fact, that the Council for the time being should simply reflect the will of the people.

Isn't this recommendation enough for a candidate to possess? What does his opponent offer in advance of this? Less than nothing unless promises to do similar things come in ahead of their performance. Wise going warrants us in trusting to the tried rather than the untried. We are convinced there is really nothing in this cry of an eastern as against a western man, whatever designing men may try to take out of it. The general sense of fair play ought to keep this matter straight. It is the west's turn for an innings and we beg to inform the eastern people that plumping for the (West)man, pure and simple this time is how they will hit it.

TOWN NOMINATIONS

Tuesday last was a busy time in Gladstone, the surrounding settlements being pretty well drained into it. Nominations for town councillors were held in Andrews Hall, and for County Councillors in the schoolhouse. The following are the councillors-elect for town, all elected by acclamation. For mayor, George Claxton. Re-elected were Messrs. P. Ferguson, W. McKelvy and J. Andrews; new: were Messrs. J. Doherty, Thos. Madill and Chris. Fahrni.

Mr. Daniel Budge, sec.-treas., submitted the financial state-

ment for the year, showing the receipts from taxes and license money to be \$3,452, and the expenditures \$3,415.

The council-elect being called for, Mayor Claxton thanked the electors for the confidence reposed in him in again having elected him by acclamation for the office of mayor. He would make his course be in the future what it had been in the past - one of retrenchment. Going thus slow for a year or two we would be all the sooner in a position whence we could launch into necessary expenditure. He had hopes that they could wipe off the \$5,000 without making it an additional burden of debentures, & they meant to try it. Without pledging himself to any course of action, he would say this that whatever made for the interests of the town he would sedulously advocate.

Coun. Andrews gave as a proof how they had fulfilled their promise to be economic this past year; that they had only spent \$75 for improvements. He was not in favor of the town going back into the county. We had paid off \$2,000 indebtedness this year, and by the same cautious going we would soon be rid of our liabilities. The town would lose ever so much more than they would gain by going back. He thanked the electors for having again giving him a seat on the council board, and hoped to prove himself worthy of the confidence they had reposed in him.

Coun. Peter Ferguson, in thanking the electors for returning him to the council board, was glad that their policy had commended itself to the ratepayers as the correct one. It was wise to pay off old debts before we contracted new ones. Let us have a year or two of wise retrenchment and we would be in such a state then as to be able to pay for what we needed.

Coun. McKelvy thanked the electors for re-electing him. He would have preferred to get out of it, but it was no way to shirk public duty if the vote of the citizens called you to take a part in it. He was greatly in favor of the attempt to go back into the county. To spend the \$75 we had on improvements this year, it had cost the town \$716. Expenses for clerk's salary, house room, fire and light would all be saved if we went back again into the county. In the course of a few years, using wise economy as we went, we would be in a position to go back without any one objecting.

Mr. Doherty thanked the electors for the new unexpected honor they had conferred on him by electing him as a councillor. He would endeavour to prove himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him.

Mr. J. A. Paul was very anxious that they should cut down

expenditure as much as possible in salaries, etc.

Thos. Cory rose to ask why 5% mills of debenture interest has not in the past been applied to pay the railway interest. As a ratepayer he considered it bad, after paying his taxes to cover that debt, to be further mulcted in a sum representing the interest on the interest of that unpaid debt.

Mr. Budge explained that there had been so many pressing claims to be liquidated that they had been unable to overtake everything, and he laid a great deal of the blame on legislation, which had locked up \$3,000 of 1883 taxes, \$4,000 of this year's, until the lands they represent could be sold for them.

The returning officer then intimated that a meeting of those elected to fill the office of councillors for the ensuing year would be held at noon on Tues., the 6th of Jan. next, for them to be sworn into office.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The nominations for councillors took place in the schoolhouse, John Mason returning officer.

The following were the nominees:

For Reeve: Coun. W. H. West and Mr. A. Nicol.

Councillors

Ward 1: Messrs. A. E. Small, A. Lackey and W. Moore.

Ward 2: Coun. Morrison elected by acclamation.

Ward 3: Coun. McKenzie and Mr. J. Anderson.

Ward 4: J. M. Jamieson, elected by acclamation.

Ward 5: Coun. Ferguson and J. A. Broadfoot.

Ward 6: Messrs. McLean, D. McConnell and A. Dobbin.

Returning officer then intimated that a poll would be held in all the wards to elect a reeve, & in Wards 1, 3, 5 and 6 for election of a councillor, on Tuesday, 6th Jan. next, between the hours of 9 and 5 p.m.

Subjoined is Treasurer Morton's financial statement which was next given to the meeting.

RECEIPTS

Balance, Jan. 1, 1884	\$1733.24
Provincial govt.	565.89
McArthur, Boyle &	
Campbell	3000.00
Railway notes	5000.00
Proceeds of \$10,000 debentures	2700.00
Taxes	9661.01
Taxes, per Judicial Bd.	3124.63

EXPENDITURE

General Fund	3173.72
Statute labor, 1883	283.50
Ward 1	612.98
Ward 2	250.75
Ward 3	541.76
Ward 4	359.07
Ward 5	563.09
Ward 6	261.05
School	3244.83
Debentures & interest	13103.18
Judicial Board	754.83
Mortgage Investment	

Aasoc.	1240.00
McArthur, Boyle & Campbell	6000.00
	30388.76
Total Receipts	31864.77
Total Expenditure	30388.76
Balance on hand and in bank	1476.01
ASSETS	
Due by Town of Gladstone	1104.16
Taxes on roll	15829.91
Caash on hand & in bank	1476.01
Total Assets	18401.18
LIABILITIES	
Schools	1972.79
McArthur, Boyle & Campbell	3000.00
Judicial Board	893.36
Total liabilities	5866.15
Assets over liabilities	12534.93
Debenture debt	56025.00
Issue of 1884	10000.00
	\$66,025.00

After the reading of the financial statement an adjournment was made to Andrews Hall where the review of the late council's doings and views of the new aspirants for municipal honors were given.

The two contestants for the reeveship got the floor first, Coun. West levelling off, who said he had not much more to say for himself than his actions said for him. He went into the council two years ago pledged to the advocacy of economic measures and his ground for asking their support for the reeveship was from the way in which he had redeemed that pledge. His stand was as he had put it in his election card - economy, as far as a due regard to the true interests of the county would warrant. He meant to take the responsibility of his own actions and would be no puppet in any other person's hands. He then went for both mayor and printer who had been loud-tongued for economy, asking them if they practised in their charges what they preached, which brought Mr. Claxton to his feet with the confession that he had charged the council too much for an advice, his excuse being that he had been trying them. The printer afterwards, though he did not feel much like it, explained that their published rates were all they ever went by which were not so high as some provincial papers not of any better standing.

Mr. Nicol made good use of the catch against the mayor, his opening sentence being that if elected to the office of reeve his first official act would be to make a demand for the \$15 of

confessed over-charge. He had been asked by a large number of electors to stand, and in consenting he would advocate measures of benefit to the county. Economy was his platform and needless expenditures he would resolutely go against.

Of the three candidates to represent Ward 1, Mr. Lackey was the only one to take the platform. He made a sensible, practical speech claiming for Lakeside on account both of its age and importance, a right to a seat at the council board. He thought that their best chance for obtaining their rights lay in a return to the old way of electing councillors by giving each ratepayer a vote for the seven men.

Coun. Morrison, the elect for Ward 2 made a slashing speech in favor of ward appropriations. He rubbed it well into his opponents and some choice pickling to boot, the fun of the thing being that he said nothing but what every man in the Hall would say "amen" to in better circumstances. He denounced the needless expenditure by this fraud of a Judicial Board, asking Mayor Claxton to explain how the chairman received \$500 for his services & the sec-treas. \$900, and a prospective increase of \$300 (the explanation being that the executive government was alone responsible for their salaries, the board having no power in the matter).

Coun. McKenzie and Mr. J. Anderson, the candidates for the representation of Ward 3 then in turn took the platform.

Mr. McKenzie said that he was before them a second time for their suffrages. He had voted against ward appropriations, but on further thought he had come to the conclusion that it benefited the settler more than it hurt him, since it turned money into his pocket for work that was taken out of the pockets of the speculators. There was the additional benefit to the settler of having good roads to travel on through the expenditure of such money. If elected he would serve the ward as faithfully in future as he had done in the past.

Mr. J. Anderson said that at the meeting held the night previous, in their own ward, he had fully gone into the position he occupied in this contest, and as wherein he differed with Mr. McKenzie was more on their local concerns, he would not take up the time of this meeting discussing what he had fully gone over so recently. If elected to represent the ward he would make looking after its interests his chief business.

Coun. Jamieson, elected for Ward 4, meant to make economy at the council board his chief business. Our taxes were oppressive, which fact is drawing good settlers out of the country.

For Ward 5 Coun. Ferguson &

Mr. J. A. Broadfoot were the candidatea.

Coun. Ferguson said that he had to confess to two things; 1st, voting for the ward appropriations; for how else to help when the ratepayers petitioned the council thro' him to do work entailing an expenditure of \$200; 2nd, he had voted for giving the assessor a smaller salary. A great deal of the blame laid at the door of the municipal council should be put on the incompetent shoulders of our local govt. He had spent in his ward this year \$160 for Dead Lake bridge, and \$50 for Bear Creek bridge. If it was only legal he believed it would be better for each ward to strike a rate for general improvements for itself. He was a candidate for their votes for a third term of office, and if elected he would make it his business to serve the interests of his ward to the best of his ability.

Mr. Broadfoot had no envy for the position, but he had been brought out that the other part of the ward might receive a little more justice in the future than they had in the past. He was going in for retrenchment, and he believed, considering the times, that all the officials (to whose officers he paid a high compliment) should be willing to work for less salary. The reeve got one-third too much pay at the least. He believed in stopping ward appropriations for a time. Statute labor and commutation money can do all we can afford. The county is in a bad shape; the day of reckoning cannot come too soon for some of our officials. Let us cut expenditures in every legitimate way, meet less often, and we shall be all the sooner in a position to do more when we have more.

Of the three candidatea for the representation of Ward 6, Mr. N. McLean was first heard. He made a rattling humorous speech hitting out right and left. He was death on high bugs. He believed the county's affairs had been managed far too extravagantly, and thought 3 mills were not too high for a municipal rate if other things were lower; 1½ mills on the \$ for a judicial rate was out of all bounds. If elected he would see to it that economy was the order of going.

Mr. D. McConnell said in a neat speech that he had been the representative for this part of the county at the council board for the first two years of its existence. What they wanted was for each ward to have the say on its own money matters. The ward would find, if they elected him to the position of their representative at the board, that he would attend to their interests as faithfully as he had done in the past.

Mr. A. Dobbin said he appeared on behalf of Squirrel Creek settlement, which had never yet been able to secure representation at the council board. Some capital was being tried to be

made against them to the effect that they were wanting a councillor at the board to push the construction of a road through the marsh to Westbourne. He begged to inform the large audience that not one settler there was dreamong even of such a scheme, let alone being willing to put their hands in their pockets to provide the funds to make it. He confessed that this judicial board and school rate business puzzled him greatly, the injustice of the former and the apparent unfairness of the latter.

This wound up the speaking of the candidates, but not the talk of the assembly. Mr. Newman, who was the first to take the platform, complimented Mr. J. A. Broadfoot on the platform he had adopted. The keynote of economy which all wanted the council to dance to at present, had been well struck by him in his pithy remarks. Mayor Claxton thought that the time of the meeting had better be taken up with the discussion of things over which we had control, not over purely legislative doings, as judicial board affairs. Mr. McKelvy thought that a measure of fair play should be given to both Lakeside and Squirrel Creek settlement this year by giving them a representative each at next year's council board, and he thought the council could not do better than drop ward appropriations for one year at any rate. Mr. Morton joined issue with Mr. Claxton in believing that this was both the place and time for discussing judicial board affairs. He went on to show that while the additional expense on the county was incurred, his own work as treasurer of the municipality was not lessened in the least. With respect to the vexed question of ward appropriations, much could be said on either side. It was not the unmixed evil that some represented it.

The following motion was then submitted to, and unanimously passed, by the meeting: "That, in order to strengthen the hands of our municipal council, who have memorialized the govt. to do away with the expensive judicial board system, and provide some less costly way of administering justice, this large and representative meeting of all the settlementa comprising our county, take this opportunity of demanding from the provincial govt. the abrogation of judicial board legislation, and the substitution of something ever so much less costly, which can suit all our present circumstances."

This brought the nomination proceeding to a close.

GOING FOR BAILEY (Crowded out of last issue)

To The Editor
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: I see in this week's issue a letter from one W. S. Bailey (and I cannot find his

name in the county's Voters' List; therefore he cannot have any political interest in this county's welfare). I am not often given to criticising a correspondent of your paper but fear I must do so or false impressions will get abroad.

W.S.B. in reminding the farmers that he made a pithy speech in which he gave encouraging words to farmers, (this sentence we will take for its worth, and the source from where it comes), says Mr. Brown followed, in which (from the way I phrase W.S.B.'s letter these are his own composition of words) he fully exonerates himself from the base insinuations which designing men and political aspirants and home pedagogue journalists had charged him with in giving away the marsh lands. These are the remarks to which I refer.

I wrote an article to your paper over a signature a time ago referring to these marsh lands, not with a view of aspiring for any office, but in the defence of right against wrong; and in doing so expressed the sentiments of all the farmers I have conversed with on this subject, and I think, sir, they are the general sentimenta of today. What I most strongly object to is, why cannot our representative come to the front like a man and make these statements, and not collect a few firm and tried friends (like W.S.B.) and deliver this one-sided oration in some back kitchen.

Now, sir, he refers to you as the pedagogue journalist. This base insinuation is as contemptible as it is mean, and as a reminder, would say, far better to be a pedagogue journalist than a party to any clique (when not having an interest in the county) formed against the county's interests, and for the sake of claiming a pedagogue minister of public works as an acquaintance.

In conclusion I would state being a resident farmer, you have the hearty co-operation of that fraternity in your past actions of unravelling the secret workings of office-holders and non-entities, and in advocacy of right against might we wish your paper "God Speed".

Richmond, FAIR PLAY.
Dec. 23, 1884.

THE REEVESHIP

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Sir: I would respectfully ask the favor of a few lines of your space. As a ratepayer I was greatly impressed by the large turn-out of farmers. It shows the interest they are taking in who shall be our next municipal body. The position of reeve is being sought after by Coun. West and Mr. A. Nicol. Now, Mr. Editor, I don't think there will be any difference of opinion as to which

of these two shall represent us. The voice of the people at the meeting called for that purpose of all the names submitted, viz., West, Nicol, Smalley, Budge and Kerr, gave the preference to Coun. West by a vote of 24 to 7 for Mr. Nicol, the others receiving fewer votes; and I have no doubt election day will tell the same tale. What confidence can be placed in this man (Mr. Nicol) when against the wishes of the people he pushes himself upon their patronage? We don't want him. His platform is composed of promises and nothing more, and the fulfilment will be just as vague. He has no views of financial retrenchment but relies on bombast and cheek to place him in this position. Coun. West is more of the stamp of man we want, whose actions in the past have gone for economy and whose determination in the future is still to urge it. We know Coun. West will do as he says for his past course warrants us to believe that of him; but Mr. Nicol, in continuing in the field has broken his word & the ratepayers cannot but see this and will show Mr. Nicol that we want a different class of men than he as our official head.

Coun. Morrison spoke with great bitterness but he can afford it. Having no opposition he can blow his own horn on a loud scale and all I can say is it is a pity we are compelled to have him year after year sitting in our council voting for all the money he can get, knowing that the more the ward appropriation money is the more it will be to his own financial benefit. Come out like a man Morrison! Work for the county's interests & not try to make us all pay heavy taxes to suit the few in your ward.

Yours, etc.,
Richmond, Dec. 31. ELECTOR

CORRUPTION

Gladstone Age.

Sir: After what the Mayor of Gladstone said at the meeting after the nominationa on Tues. last, that he had charged the Municipality of Westbourne \$20 for \$5 of work to see if the council were corrupt enough to pay the account, I think the first thing the new council will have to do after their election, will be to take steps to force the Town of Gladstone to pay the \$1100 that is owing them by the Town, so, no doubt the Mayor is keeping this money back to see if the council is corrupt enough to allow him to do so, especially as the money is being collected from time to time and applied illegally and corruptly to other purposes.

I think also that the ratepayers should thank Mr. West for unearthing this matter and back up Mr. Nicol in his demand on the platform on nomination day for the return of the \$15 illegally charged by the mayor, and as his worship says, corruptly paid.

RATEPAYER.

ST. JOHN'S DAY (Masonic)

At the regular meeting of Gladstone Lodge, No. 11, G.R.M., A.F. & A.M., held on the anniversary of St. John, the evangelist, Saturday, Dec. 27th, the officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows:

W. M. Bro. W. McKelvey
S. W. Bro. John Mason
J. W. Bro. Thos. Cory
Chaplain Bro. John McDougall
Treas. Wor. Bro. T. L. Morton
Sec. Bro. John Chambers
S. D. Bro. A. S. McGregor
J. D. Bro. Jaa. Andrewa
Steward Bro. I. Cookman
Steward Bro. G. S. McGregor
Tyler Bro. Jos. McAlpine

The installation ceremonies were ably conducted by Wor. Bro. Peter St. Clair McGregor, I.P.M., and were instructive and entertaining.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremonies the members and visitors to the number of some 30, adjourned to Bro. McAlpine's where there was awaiting them a bounteous repast served, if anything, better even than in his usual good style, and to which all did ample justice. After supper the members returned to the Lodge room and finished the business of the evening.

Lodge closed at 9 p.m. when all retired to their homes expressing the feeling of having spent a pleasing and instructive evening.
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ROSERIDGE MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The first meeting this season of the Roseridge mutual improvement association was held Wednesday night in the house of Mr. Lewis McGhie, Mr. Jas. Ogston, sen., in the chair. Mr. Jas. McGhie delivered the opening ad-

dress. A long and varied programme was gone through consisting of: Readings by Messrs. L. McGhie, sen., L. McGhie, jun., W. Y. Clubb, C. McGhie, W. D. Ferg, J. Lowdon and F. Ogston; Recitations by the Misses T. Lowdon, S. McGhie, H. McGhie. A dialogue was given by Mr. J. McGhie and J. M. Ogston; another by J. McGhie, C. McGhie and M. Ogston. A few good songs were given by Miss Aggie and Annie Ogston, Mr. — Duncan, W. D. Ferg, J. M. Ogston and J. McGhie. This ended the programme and a most enjoyable evening.

J. M. Ogston,
Sec.-Treas.

(Readers may be interested to know that the previous 2 pages of this pamphlet, plus the bit above, constitutes the complete reading matter (news, etc.) in this issue. The full 7 cols (20" each) is the equal of one full page in the "Age" of that day. What a tremendous effort for 2 farmers! Don't forget they were both ill with the cold; don't forget they gave up (reluctantly) the New Year holiday; don't forget every piece of type was hand-picked; & don't forget there were no telephones to make the news gathering easy. And why this big effort at holiday time? Most likely it was the call of duty that inspired them - election time was at hand, and nothing could be much more important to Editor Moodie than the hoped-for changes in municipal leadership - fought for so long.

For our part, we are glad to extend ourselves a bit to record the events in full. Also there are many bits of information tucked away in the articles that are helpful in putting together little by little the jigsaw puzzle of our early history).

accession to the highest municipal seat in the gift of the people.

Ward 1 has wakened up as it never did before, this being the first time there has been a contest for councillor in it. The Lake-aiders did themselves no good by having two candidates in the field, and though they fought pluckily, it was a foregone conclusion that Mr. Small-e's tried and trustworthy past record should give him very nearly a walk-over.

The contest in Ward 3 turned on ward affairs, and was keen, Mr. J. Anderson finally winning by a majority of 8. Mr. McKenzie has been a faithful public servant and in many things a wise one, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that he always tried to do his duty. In Mr. J. Anderson the ward will have the experience of one of its longest residents to push its affairs, a man who does his own thinking and acting, and hitherto successfully.

In Ward 5 Mr. J. A. Broadfoot has retired Mr. John Ferguson for the present. Mr. Ferguson was a good, practical man at the board, and what he owes his defeat to is the determination of Palestine township to have its due representation. Mr. Broadfoot will make a good man at the board.

The triangular contest in Ward 6 resulted in the return of Mr. N. McLean by a majority of 4 over his Squirrel Creek opponent who headed Mr. D. McConnell by 6. We have an idea that the Squirrel Creekers helped their own defeat. Mr. N. McLean will make a faithful councillor.

On the whole the county is to be congratulated on the personnel of the council of 1885.

LOCAL

Still grievously under the weather.

We publish in half-sheet form this week.

Little Eddie Wilson has been very sick with croup; but is now recovered. ((This is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Wilson. Livingstone district will remember him as a neighbor prior to 50 yrs. ago when he resided 2 1/4 miles west of town)).

The hotels have been doing a very good business this week.

One for Gladstone! The post-office inspector found everything O.K. in our office here. He says the possession of one thing the Gladstonians can boast of is the largest lobby-room of any post office in the Northwest. What a-bout having a post office savings bank started here?

Mr. and Mrs. May are on a visit to Gladstone. His brother Alex also.

Mr. J. A. Best is prepared to pay the highest CASH PRICE for an unlimited quantity of

Pork; also Wheat and Oats.—Ad. ((Mr. Best just recently bought out Mr. Herron - located in the Revere House. Watch for a purchase of much more historical significance here in the coming weeks)).

Oor 'lections are a' dune, man, And happy are we sae; We've gane & dang them a', man, Wi' richt guid micht and main. Auld Callant.

A meeting of the new council of the municipality of Westbourne will be held in Andrews' Hall on Tues., Jan. 13, for the purpose of swearing the members into office and doing other necessary business.

The fame of our Oddfellows entertainment drew quite a few from the neighboring townships. In the audience we observed our worthy friend, the reeve of Lansdowne, and lady.

The holidays have come & gone, dear Tile,

And left us, oh, so high & dry! Without the wherewithal to raise a smile,

As we have nary a nicke(o)l.
— New Year's doggerel.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CONCERT

An extended notice of the musical and intellectual part of the excellent Church of England social of last week was crowded out of our last issue by unusual press of municipal matters. We now give it. The singing was very good, the lady performers, Misses Cory, acquitting themselves well, while the gentlemen, Messrs. Alcock, McLaren, Cory and Creary, are too noted for their musical efforts to require much description other than they were fully up to their usual. If there was a lack at all in the chorus singing, it arose from the insufficient blending of voice, a consequence perhaps of haste in getting up the large number of fine choruses given. Of the instrumental part, Miss Nettie Cory, Miss Murdin and Miss Livesay acquitted themselves of their parts very well, but the palm of playing appeared to be certainly borne away by Miss and Master Rose, who rendered in brilliant style the duet, Waves of the Ocean.

Mr. Lumbers gave a great many successful imitations of birds, for which he is noted, took well. Of the intellectual part we can scarcely speak in too high praise. Mr. Best led off in a fine piece that gave him ample scope for exhibiting his usual drollery. Mr. Morton was particularly happy in rendering his recitation, the depth of his experience being no doubt a good coach! Mr. George Pirie's reading was short, sharp and to the point. He hit hard and made it lively for a few unfortunates, the healthiness of the sentiments being well applauded.

The lady performers were not a whit behind, the manner in which the Misses Cory, Livesay, Ferguson and Murdin got off "Scandal on the Brain" took splendidly; but perhaps the piece of the whole evening that created most furore was Mrs. J. A. Best's rendering in appropriate character of the designing attack made by the "man on the state of single blessedness of Aunt Jemima" which fairly convulsed the house; and it would have afforded a little more fun to the audience, who so thoroughly enjoyed it, if she could have staved off the fetching process a little beyond the "third and last time."

The fraternization of the clergymen was as prominent as ever; Rev. D. Stalker putting in an appearance, though the state of his health prevented him sitting it out, while Rev. Messrs. Murdin and Kinley were both present & seemed to enjoy it immensely. Rev. Mr. Murdin, being called on made a few happy remarks, and so no doubt would Mr. Kinley, but he had just left before he was invited on to the platform.

The amount realized from the sale of tickets footed up to the very handsome sum of \$30.75; and so ended the concert of the winter.

THE ELECTIONS

The elections came off last Tuesday with the results appended below. It shows by the largeness of the vote that the people of the county have wakened up to the importance of the occasion. Farmers should just keep right on and post themselves so thoroughly in the machinery needed, as well as the expense, to run our municipalities in the whole province, that they might send one of themselves to see if they could not make a better fist of it than the wonderful one we have already.

For reeve there were two ran: Councillor West and Mr. A. Nicol with the following results:

	West	Nicol
Ward 1	6	33
Ward 2	—	4
Ward 3	48	4
Ward 4	29	0
Ward 5	40	14
Ward 6	11	40
	134	95

Majority for West, 39.

For councillors in Ward 1 or Westbourne, there were three in the field, viz., Messrs. Smalley, Moore and Lackey, with the following results:

A. E. Smalley	19
W. Moore	9
— Lackey	8

Majority for Mr. Smalley, who is accordingly elected councillor for Westbourne, or Ward 1 — 13.

For Ward 2 or Woodside, Mr. D. Morrison by acclamation.

For Ward 3, or Richmond, there were two candidates:

M. McKenzie	22
Jas. Anderson	30
Majority of 8 for Mr. Jamca Anderson.	

For Ward 4, or Blake, Mr. J. M. Jamieson was lected by acclamation.

For Ward 5, or Palestine, Coun. Ferguson and Mr. J. A. Broadfoot were the contestants, with the following showing:

Coun. Ferguson	26
J. A. Broadfoot	32

Majority for Broadfoot, 6.

For Ward 6, or Silver Stream and Squirrel Creek there were three aspirants:

Nicholas McLean	27
Dobbin	23
McConnell	17

Mr. N. McLean being elected by a majority of 4.

ODDFELLOWS' ENTERTAINMENT

This entertainment came off last Wednesday in Andrews' Hall.

The hall was crowded, evidently the whole of Gladstone, as well as a good many of the outlying settlements contributing their quota to see what our Gladstone amateur dramatic club was capable of doing. We think they were not disappointed, as the entertainment surpassed all our expectations.

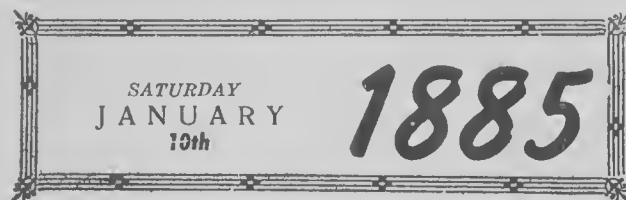
The Messrs. Alcock, assisted by Mr. D. Broadfoot, played during the evening several well concerted pieces. Though a small orchestra it made it up in quality.

The stage was fixed up in good style, being raised considerably. The drop curtain had in the centre of it the Oddfellows motto, viz., three links within each other, with the definition below in large capital letters - F.L.T. - meaning Friendship, Love and Truth. The rest of the scenic arrangements were evidently the result of much thought and good taste, as shown in the forest scene, with the evergreens all around, reminding us of the sunny south and all its etceteras.

Mr. Jones, before the opening, made a few remarks, hoping in this their first essay to cater to the intellectual enjoyment of the of the audience by putting on the boards "The Brigands of Calabria" by the Gladstone amateur dramatic club that would merit their approval.

On the curtain being raised the company was seen seated in a half-circle, when, after making their bow, they proceeded to amuse the audience by a few happy conundrums on the local events of the few weeks past, which afforded much amusement and laughter.

Mr. E. E. Best gave us Burns "A Man's a man for a' that," as a recitation, at which he tried his best, but it requires a real sonnie to give the richt accent tae



SAT., JAN. 10th, 1885:

((Editorial)) . . .

THE MUNICIPAL VOTE

The people have spoken! By the largest vote ever polled in the county they have given the chief seat at the board to Mr. West, whose two years faithful practising of what he has all along been preaching - economy - has fairly won him the title to this seat of confidence.

The large vote polled by Mr. Nicol - 95, evinces not only the enthusiasm with which his own neighbors, that is those within a radius of 2 or 4 miles round, went

solid for him; but also the faith in his ability, displayed as far east as Westbourne, that ward having given him the handsome majority of 27 over his opponent.

We are glad at the result, for the reason that of two men whose platform was identical, fair play and a regard to the common interest entitled those who have any say to give the preference to the tried over the untied candidate, to him who often under severe opposition, faithfully stuck to the principles he has laid down for himself.

In Reeve West we believe the county has an officer thoroughly devoted to its interests, and we warmly congratulate him on his

the mither tongue.

Mrs. Galloway then sang to the accompaniment of Miss Murdin on the organ, "Only a pansy, only a withered flower," with distinct utterance and fine musical rendering of the words. We would like to hear her a little oftener.

(Editor Moodie must have been looking for a real space-filler, & found it in this. Over two full columns were devoted to description of each item in the long program. We've given only the first few paragraphs which contain most of the performers, Mr. Jones (Miller) called upon in some 4 different capacities. The female parts were taken by the "Oddfellows" which added somewhat to the merriment. Besides Jones, Dean and Wm. May in the first farce others who appeared were Geo. Pirie and Mr. Wm. Rintoul (as ladies); and Wm. Davidson as captain of the brigands; also Williams (but not mentioning which one). It can be stated that everyone did their part to make the evening a success, and not least, the editor, for preserving it all in great detail!)

MCGREGOR'S GATHERING (Mekivwin)

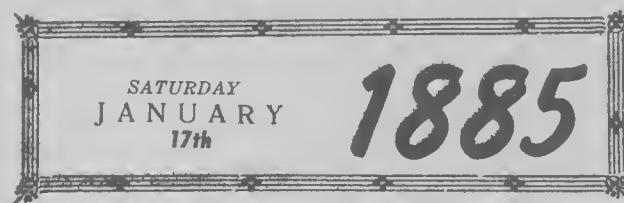
Last Friday evening, lured by the pleasantness of the night, with the attraction of the combined social concert and Xmas Tree entertainment of the hospitable westerners as a fetchful beacon at the other end, a couple of sleigh loads of town folk started out to have the double enjoyment of the drive there and back, which was A1, and the enjoyment of the performance.

Arriving at the schoolhouse we found the intellectual part of the entertainment, under the able chairmanship of Mr. Gregor McGregor, well under weigh, though a short respite was taken to dispense the unstinted hospitalities of the occasion to the new-comers. The neat schoolhouse was taxed to the utmost capacity to contain the settlement, which had turned out with very few exceptions "en masse" to the entertainment, & the programme was on as large a scale as the gathering, 32 separate pieces having been gone through, with the stripping of the tree at the end. There were songs and recitations, dramatic pieces, well acted, and some comical situations, well sustained. The choruses went well, almost all the young folk taking part in it, among whom were the Misses McIntyre, Wright & McDiarmid, one excellency being that everyone tried to do what they could for their common amusement. Mr. J. J. Stewart sang a fine song which was well received. But Mr. Hugh Gray bore away the laurels in singing Scotch songs, five of which he favored the audience with, among them being the "Laird of Cockpen," "Half-pa' Ten," "He Never Told a Lie," into which he

infused such a heartiness, at the same time that the homely vernacular was there every word of it. Mr. Adam McKenzie, we noticed, enjoyed the singing to the full. Miss Halliday read some pieces with great power and expression, and Mr. Weaver will be good with practice in the dramatic line. Mr. Corlett contributed two well sung songs. Mr. P. St. Clair McGregor, besides

giving a fine reading, which was well appreciated, made a short and pithy speech during the evening. The stripping of the tree showed who were the favorites. Almost everybody got something and some two or three shares.

The Gladstonians returned satisfied that they had seldom enjoyed themselves so well at any entertainment of the kind.



SAT., JAN. 17th, 1885:

((Editorial)) . . .

The proverbial new broom sweeps clean and our new municipal broom in its start has made a cleaner sweep than it bargained for surely; at least that is the charitable construction we are inclined to put on some of the actions of council last Tuesday.

It is a trying thing for a new body of men to be brought face to face with some of the most important work they will encounter at any of their sittings, on the first one. When even their seats feel strange to them their heads cannot be expected to be of the levellest; but we confess we were not prepared & think there was not reason for the woeful lack of backbone they displayed in some of their important deliberations that day.

First and foremost, the new reeve was signally lacking in that force of character which he always brought well to the front in his capacity of councillor. To allow the council chamber in which the important deliberations of the representatives of the people were being carried out to be turned into a miniature bear garden under his nose, argued either a poor grasp of the situation or a feeble wrist to control it. "To everything," Solomon says, "there is a reason," and if the occasion of the first meeting of council was opportune for the exhibition of the tomfoolery acted out by parties who ought to know better, then there appears to be a conflict somewhere between the eternal fitness of things and what transpired in the Hall.

But the double-jointed action was worse than the order kept. Conceding to most that they were consumed by the burning desire of acting out their pledge to the people to be economic, that did not commit them to a course of parsimoniousness. They did well in deliberating over the amount of remuneration they thought the

circumstances justified in attaching to the offices of clerk and assessor for the current year, & in the motions that were carried, fixing the salaries to be given for both they managed to successfully hit the lowest figures (\$50 in each case lower than what we thought justifiable) by which they might still have retained their old officers, for we are sticklers for the retention of public servants (other things being equal) who have hitherto given perfect satisfaction (*(line missing here)*) taining two such tried men as Messrs. Mason and McGregor at the same time they docked them of \$200 of salary should have satisfied their ambition in the saving line at the start as it would no doubt, have satisfied nine-tenths or a greater proportion of the ratepayers to whom they are responsible.

But the fine gold of resolution became quickly transmuted into baser metal at the breath of a little bluff.

After they had made up their minds by resolution to a certain course, it was a half-witted thing to directly traverse their own action at one's beck, and was tantamount to a surrender of the trust the people had put into their hands to outside irresponsible ones.

We are sorry our first criticism on the new council has had to be an adverse one. We trust it is the last on this tack. We cherish great hopes from their actions, believing as we do, that no more single-eyed body of men for the county's interests ever held office. We want them, however, to keep their wits about them.

In saying what we have said we don't for a moment wish to be meant as reflecting on the parties who have been appointed clerk and assessor, nothing being further from our intention.

L O C A L

Ogilvie has commenced again to buy wheat at the Portage.

Mr. F. T. Schooley having

bought out the balance of Mr. J. A. Best's stock and having added to it a large and fresh supply of groceries, dry goods, gents' furnishings, is now prepared to offer the following values in groceries:

14-lbs. light brown sugar \$1.00
12-lbs. extra gran. sugar 1.60
19 bars soap 1.00
Highest prices paid for farm produce. Teas from 30 to 55c, & everything else in proportion. New goods arriving by every train. (Advt.)

((The initials above are obviously an error, being those of Frank Schooley, the station agent, and a brother of incoming "Sloan" Schooley, who carried on as a general merchant for the next 29 years, and thereafter (1914) served as postmaster for some 15 years; also was Sec.-Treas for the town from 1893 to 1929)).

Now is the time to get cheap goods.

The Presbyterian church managers had a business meeting last Tuesday in the manse.

Mr. Vance, of the Portage, has been visiting his friends here, among them Mr. G. Bruce, of Livingston.

Mr. Findlay's son, John, has been very seriously ill with inflammation of the stomach. He is now recovering.

Who is responsible for the circus or hippodrome or bear garden performance at the meeting of the county council last Tuesday?

A new buyer, Mr. Gardner, is in town prepared to buy any amount of pork, beef, hay, oats, etc. He can be found at the Queen's Hotel.

This has been one of the coldest weeks of the season hitherto. The wind has been so high and the frost so keen that living has been no more than tolerable.

Rev. J. McLaren, of Chater, occupied Rev. D. Stalker's pulpit last Sabbath and preached an earnest, evangelical sermon. He returned to Chater last Thursday.

Miss Aggie McGhie, who accidentally spilt some hot water into one of her eyes last week, went home to have it attended to. The doctor is not sure whether he will be able to save the sight of the eye.

Rev. D. Stalker now feels so far recovered that he purposea occupying his pulpit at the various stations, which will be a source of gratification to his congregations. He preaches tomorrow at McGregor (*(Mekivwin)*).

Rev. Mr. Murdin will preach in the Presbyterian Church for Mr. Stalker, consequently he (Mr. Murdin) will not be able to keep his appointment in Richmond (*(Plumas)*), tomorrow.

Mr. J. A. Best is now prepared to pay the highest cash prices

for all kinds of grain, and as the markets have an upward tendency now is the time, he thinks, for the farmers to begin to dispose of their surplus produce.

We are in receipt of the January number of the Manitoba & Northwest Illustrated Quarterly. The paper and letterpress are excellent, and the engravings are hard to beat. It ought to take well throughout the province.

The January number of the "Current," a weekly periodical published in Chicago, is to hand. The get-up is excellent, and the writers, prominent literateurs both of the States and Canada, do its pages full justice. It ought to have a wide circulation, and wield a large influence, judging by the present number.

One of our townsmen has been giving, in Wednesday's Free Press, an effective dig to the useless and expensive Judicial Bd. system. That's right, keep pegging away. Vigorous and well-directed blows against this obstruction to progress are bound to take it and similar out of our way.

On Thurs., Jan. 8th, there was a Children's Party at the English parsonage in connection with the Sunday School, when prizes for good conduct, attendance & proficiency in bible lessons were awarded to the scholars by Mrs. Jephcott. The children had a good time, being treated handsomely by the ladies of the house to refreshments, candies, etc., as also music from the piano to which the children danced to their heart's content. Such gatherings are beneficial to young and old. We would all be better if we had more of the same.

Without design the name of our town clerk was omitted from the official list in the first column of the paper. We never noticed the omission till the clerk called our attention to it. At the time the form was broken it was put up in such a hurry through the night, and when the new names of the council were set up, the clerk's name, not being in type, hence the omission. Also the devil (talking professionally) not being accustomed to such arctic weather, no wonder he makes mistake when he thinks of his warm corner.

TOWN COUNCIL

The members of the town council met and were sworn into office in the clerk's office last Tuesday by the returning officer Mr. Budge. The council then sat, and on motion, adjourned till Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The council met at half-past seven, all the councillors being present, viz., Andrews, P. Ferguson, Doherty, Madill, McKelvy and C. Fahrni. Mayor Claxton was in the chair; D. Budge, Sec.-Treas.

The clerk read the following communications:

Petition from Hon. C. P. Brown re canal between Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipegosis, to Dominion govt. to execute; for the council to take into consideration and sign, if they see fit.

From J. W. Jackson.
Secretary-Treasurer

From John McLaren, offering to do the duties for \$295.

From Wm. Rintoul, \$290.

From P. H. Moodie, \$96. As he was sick, and his brother saw there was some mistake, the appointment was laid over till next meeting of council.

Assessor

From J. L. Logie. No salary stated.

From John Small, \$39. All necessary adjuncts provided.

From D. Rintoul, \$40. The same.

From G. McCrae, \$60. The same.

Motions

Moved by J. Andrews and P. Ferguson that the mayor sign the petition re canal.

Fahrni and McKelvy that the salary of the assessor for the year 1885 be fixed at \$40.

Amendment: J. Andrews and P. Ferguson that the salary of the assessor for the year 1885 be \$35.

For the amendment: Madill, Ferguson, Andrews, Doherty. On the motion, Fahrni and McKelvy. Amendment carried.

Fahrni and Madill that J. L. Logie be appointed assessor for the town for the year 1885.

For the amendment: C. Fahrni and T. Madill; For the motion, Doherty, McKelvy, Ferguson and Andrews.

Mr. D. Rintoul was accordingly asked if he would do the work for \$35, which he agreed to.

In regard to the last note of \$3,750 which was lost some time ago, P. Ferguson and J. Andrews moved & seconded that the clerk be instructed to advertise in the Free Press, Winnipeg, for three times, which was carried.

Finance Committee

Andrews & McKelvy, that Coun. Ferguson, McKelvy and Doherty be the finance com. Carried.

Public Works Committee

McKelvy & Madill: that Andrews, Fahrni and McKelvy be a committee on public works.

Auditors

McKelvy & Fahrni that \$2.50 be paid each auditor for auditing of the books.

Amendment: Ferguson & Doherty that \$4 be offered each for auditing the books of the Town of Gladstone for 1884.

For the motion: Fahrni, McKelvy, Madill and Claxton. For the amendment: Andrews, Doherty and Ferguson.

The motion, which made it \$2.50 was carried.

Mr. Dean was then asked if he



Teacher and Pupils of Silver Stream School — 1924

MISS JOHNSON (District Nurse).

MISS ANNA BRUCE (Smirl), Teacher.

(BACK ROW): Lenoard Kilworth(d); Jack Armstrong(d); —————; Roy Humphrey; —————; (CENTRE): Betty Armstrong (d); Connie Kilworth (Evenson); Lorena Wiesbrot (d); Florence Howe; Bessie Bales (Hunter); Nellie Byers; Mabel Brown (Griffiths); Bernice McGowan (Pearce); (FRONT): Mary Park; Jack Stewart; Dolly Meloney; Fred Meloney; Freda Bales (d); Sarah Wilson (Arthur); Stanley Bales (d); Laura Bales (Currie).

(Picture: kindness of Mrs. (Geo.) Moger).

would accept, but declined.

McKelvy & Fahrni: that E. E. Best be appointed auditor. Carried.

The mayor appointed Wm. Rintoul as the other.

McKelvy & Ferguson: that W. N. Kennedy be allowed 20 p.c. off on his taxes if paid in full within the required time.

Taxes still due for 1883, \$3,000; for 1884, \$4,000.

Council then adjourned to meet first Wednesday of February.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The members of the new council met in Andrews' Hall Tuesday forenoon and were sworn into office by the returning officer, Mr. Mason. Council then adjourned to 1:30 p.m.

On resuming, Reeve West in the chair and all councillors, to wit, Messrs. Smalley, Morrison, Anderson, Jamieson, Broadfoot & McLean in their seats, on the suggestion of Reeve West, Mr. Mason was requested to act as clerk pro tem.

Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Re the funeral expenses of the late Mr. J. Garbutt, of Blake, council chose to deliberate on the matter.

Communications

From J. W. Jackson re bridge between Portage and Westbourne municipalities.

Hon. C. P. Brown acknowledging receipt of their petition against judicial board system.

Same, enclosing a petition addressed to the Dom. govt for signature, praying them to dig a canal 1½ miles in length to connect Lakes Manitoba and Winnipegosis and thereby save 40 miles of waterway between the lakes by way of Water Hen river.

Blake settlers praying for a readjustment of school district.

Bain & Bilschard anent sale of lands in 1878. Treasurer instructed to reply.

Motions

Ferguson and Broadfoot: that council sign petition re canal.

Morrison and Anderson: that councillors not be allowed remuneration for letting and inspecting jobs. Carried.

Morrison and McLean that the clerk's salary be \$225.

In amendment Jamieson & Anderson that salary be \$150. For amendment: Jamieson, Anderson, Broadfoot, West; for motion McLean, Morrison, Smalley. Amendment carried.

Smalley and Morrison that J. Mason be offered the clerkship, which was carried, Couns. Anderson and Broadfoot dissenting.

At this stage some prominent ratepayers asked leave to make a statement to the council, which, on being granted, Messrs. Galloway and McQueen reminded the council they had been elected on a pledge of economy, that they were aware that among the applications that had been handed in for the clerkship one competent man had offered to do the work for \$100, and they thought since

men now could be found to work for 50c a day who a few years ago would not take less than \$2 or \$3, the councillors were bound to take his offer into consideration.

Mr. Pool considered that Mr. Mason had the best right to the office.

The effect of the talk was to make the council take the first backwater of the season, for Broadfoot and Jamieson moved that the salary of clerk be rescinded, and that \$100 be the salary given, which Couns. Anderson and McLean supported, and which accordingly carried.

Finally Smalley and Broadfoot moved that John Chambers be offered the clerkship at his own offer of \$100, which he accepted, and this disposed of office No. 1.

Assessor

Broadfoot and Jamieson, that assessor's salary be \$175, and that he be bound to fulfil his duties in a proper manner. Carried.

Applications were received for the office from the following: W. A. Davis, who offered to do the work for \$125, council to provide stamps, paying registration and land office fees; D. Cameron, who mentioned no salary; J. Ferguson, \$175; J. F. Pool, \$150; J. Small, \$150; Wm. McKelvy, \$148, H. C. Dean, \$165.

Smalley and Anderson moved that assessor's salary be \$125. Carried.

Smalley and Anderson that Mr. McGregor be offered assessorship at \$125 which he declined.

Broadfoot and Jamieson, that J. Small be offered it at \$125. Lost.

Smalley and Anderson, that W. A. Davis be appointed assessor at \$125. Carried. Messrs. Dean and Ferguson being his sureties.

Auditors

Smalley and Broadfoot that H. C. Dean be appointed auditor. Carried. Reeve West appointed Mr. Fred Cope as the other.

Finance Committee

W. H. West and Morrison, that Smalley, Broadfoot & Jamieson be finance committee for 1885.

At the suggestion of the treasurer Jamieson and Broadfoot moved that the 5 per cent be not added to taxes until Feb. 1st.

Election Expenses

Mr. D. McLean was allowed \$3 for use of his house on polling day, the total election expense including Gladstone school district, was \$83.75.

Finance committee recommended payment of following accounts, F. Blackmore, \$5; election expenses, \$83.75.

On resuming after supper a by-law defining duties of clerk and assessor, with the salaries attached to the offices, was submitted and passed through all its stages.

Printing

Smalley and Broadfoot that tenders be called for printing 20 copies of the Auditor's Report.

In amendment Jamieson & McLean that clerk instruct Moodie Bros. to print 200 copies at least possible rates. For the amend-

ment, Morrison, Anderson, McLean and Jamieson. Carried.

Smalley and Morrison, that the pro tem clerk make up a report of present meeting as soon as possible, for which he be allowed \$8, and he hand municipal books over to new clerk, John Chambers thereupon.

TO THE ELECTORS

Gladstone Age.

Sir: Would you kindly grant me a few lines in your valuable paper to contradict a statement which is going the rounds of ward 3.

Your humble correspondent wishes to inform those would-be monopolists of ward 3, that he most emphatically denies ever working for or against McKenzie; also that he was not influenced by Reeve West to vote for Councillor Anderson. Those parties who say so, say abominable, huge and extortionist lies.

Moreover, your correspondent claims to have a mind of his own, and in the future, as in the past, he will not be under the dictation of any man in the county of Westbourne.

FRED COPE.

Richmond, Jan. 13, 1885.

"RATEPAYERS" REJOINDER

Gladstone Age.

The mayor of Gladstone has risen in his might and wrath & politely dubbed "Ratepayer" as a Judas Iscariot, which being interpreted, meaneth betrayer of his master. As "Ratepayer" does not recognise the mayor as his master, the cap does not fit. He also says his statements are false. He does not, however, attempt to prove them so.

Now, Mr. Editor, "Ratepayer" made two statements, one of which was Mr. Mayor's own statement on Nomination Day, that he had charged \$20 for \$5 of work to see if the council was corrupt enough to pay it. (His exact words, sir). The statement may be false but his worship most certainly uttered it.

The second statement of "Ratepayers" was that the taxes were being paid from time to time to the Town Council to meet interest on the railway bonus debentures, and was being illegally applied to other purposes. Is this false, Mr. Editor? "Ratepayer" is willing to leave the decision in your hands.

"Ratepayer's" former letter was addressed as a "warning voice" to the county council to look after the \$1100 due them from the town; and it has his worship to thank for it.

In conclusion, if Mr. Claxton does not feel it incumbent on him to explain to the public; and as he only promises an explanation in case "Ratepayer" should turn out to be a responsible citizen, (and as one whom he likens to Judas Iscariot could hardly come under that designation) "Ratepayer" is satisfied without an explanation.

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SAT., JAN. 24th, 1885:

It is hardly the season for bugs showing extra vitality, but the Gladstone Bug threatens both to live & last. Why not, when taken into their bosoms by so many warm-bodied, warm-hearted chaps? ((Once again some commentary is required. The "Bug" referred to is an opposition publication put out in a haphazard fashion by the Conservatives, & edited by Jack McLaren, Peter St. Clair McGregor, and a third party never revealed to this writer. It must be early in the existence of "The Bug" to judge by the remarks of editor Moodie. And to his credit he refrains from any acrimonious retaliation though it probably went after him rather viciously - that's if this issue was anything like the issue of 1886 (in our possession) and which we published in its entirety in the "July - '84" pamphlet. It is rather easy to visualize the circumstances leading up to this latest lampoon-like effort. The Hon. C. P. Brown had received quite a mauling in the columns over his handling of the marsh lands, and his friends in the Conservative ranks hastened to his aid. The controversial banquet in a back-room of the Revere House got the wrong kind of re-action when published in the "Age" (and commented on by the editor). The next resort was to ridicule the efforts of the publishers through prose & verse in "The Bug". The fact that the surveying season was over for the winter months allowed for the presence of the chief versifier, Jack McLaren, to display his talents. We can imagine it as a fun-thing for "Jolly Jack" to help his friends out in this way, probably financing it too. What better time than the Christmas-New Year's holiday to burn the midnight oil, as the three huddled up and dreamed up lampoons to hurl at the hated Liberals. "Politics" in those days was of sterner stuff - and much to the liking of rough & ready Scots)).

The water in the river is much lower this season than usual. It looks very much like the work of melting ice is not far ahead.

We are glad to notice that Mr. J. A. Best is out this week with a timely letter on cheese-making. We were just about nudging him on the subject. There's not much more than time between this and the opening of spring in which to talk and work up the matter.

If cheese-making will pay on a large scale, in any county of the Province it ought, with the advantages we possess, in ours. However, to see what's in it the whole matter must be both thoroughly thought out and worked up. And now's the time to do it before the busy spring days come when our farmers need all their time to attend to the operations of seeding.

A little child of John McKelvy of Squirrel Creek, got badly scalded the other day with boiling soap.

Rev. Mr. Jephcott will preach tomorrow evening from the text, "Good news from a far country."

A sheep supposed to belong to Mr. H. Pool, came to G. Bruce's place yesterday.

Now that the Literary Society has been started, let every one that can, take hold and keep it going the balance of the season.

Remember the school meetings in the various school districts within the county take place on Monday, February 2nd, at 1:00 p.m.

Rev. Mr. Stalker, we are happy to say, will occupy his own pulpit tomorrow afternoon. He will preach in the forenoon at Pine Creek.

The wind last Sunday was very keen. What with frost and wind this whole week will match anything we have had this season for discomfort. Milder weather set in on Friday.

A fine engraving emanating from the Free Press office came to hand this week of a number of Canadian newspaper celebrities of the day. Irrespective of party politics W. F. Luxton deservedly occupies a place.

Mr. D. Ferguson has a contract for supplying some 10, or 12,000 ties to the M. & N.W. railway. He has made arrangements with Mr. Cudbie, of Minn-dosa, to cut on the timbered section he owns in Livingstone township, viz., the south half of sec. 15.

The Presbyterians, of Portage have met with a severe loss in the destruction by fire last Sunday evening of their very fine church. The insurance of \$5,000 covers only a small part of its original cost.

Mr. C. R. Tuttle thinks that development of the Northwest cannot go properly without four great trunk railroads in operation. (1) The Manitoba South-

Eastern, which should be extended to the Souris and thence away across the international boundary to the Northern Pacific; (2) The Canadian Pacific; (3) The Manitoba Central which should be pushed to Battleford, Edmonton, the head waters of the Athabasca and through the Rockies to the Pacific, probably at Bate Inlet; and (4) the M. & N.W. should be extended on to Prince Albert and to the Athabasca and the Peace River through the Pine River pass to Port Simpson on the Pacific slope.

McGREGOR NOTES

The annual meeting of the McGregor ((Mekiwini)) congregation, in connection with the Presbyterian church, was held Wednesday evening in the school-house, with all the members present. After devotional exercise, Mr. Gregor McGregor, sec.-treas. read the financial statement, which was highly satisfactory. The managing committee of the preceding year was re-appointed. The Sabbath school report was also read, showing that the school was doing good work. A singing class is being conducted by Mr. Chandler. The day school is doing good work under its painstaking teacher Miss Ella Wright.

GLADSTONE

LITERARY SOCIETY

Those interested in reviving this society held a meeting last Friday night in Andrews' Hall, when the following business was done: Mr. D. Rintoul, president; W. J. Jones, vice-president; J. M. Paul, sec.-treas.; Messrs. John McLaren, P. Broadfoot, J. A. Best and J. Moodie, programme committee. The old laws and constitution were adopted, with 25c a month for members. The debate "Resolved that the opening of the Hudson's Bay route would not benefit the farmer at present" was appointed for Wednesday evening, 21st inst., with the following for the affirmative: Messrs. P. Moodie, P. Broadfoot, D. Rintoul and E. E. Best; Negative: Messrs. J. A. Best, W. J. Jones, Geo. Claxton and W. S. Bailey. The programme committee were instructed to see about providing music, etc., for that evening. The meeting then dispersed.

Last Wed. evening the Literary Society held its first debate in Andrews' Hall, when the attendance was good considering the cold and the first meeting. After the chairman had called the meeting to order a committee of finance was formed, consisting of Messrs. E. E. Best, W. S. Bailey and W. Davidson. A spelling match was appointed for next night, with Messrs. Jones and Bailey as captains; Mr. E. E. Best to give out the words, and the old series of Canadian speller to be the book used.

The chairman then called upon Mr. M. Neville and his brass

band to favor the audience with a selection, which they did in their usual happy way. Mrs. J. A. Best then gave a laughable reading, which did not end in the way the young lady intended, seeing, instead of the fellow, from his hesitating manner, popping the question, as she expected and was waiting demurely to answer, he only wanted to know if her mother had "geese to sell." Her acting and imitative powers called forth roars of laughter from the audience. We hope to hear her frequently. The chairman then called upon the Rev. Mr. Kinley for an address, when the rev. gentleman gave some very good suggestions to the society. He said we were more apt in our criticism to make holes rather than mend them. Literary societies are a good thing to educate young and old, not merely in knowledge, but more particularly how to use it in speaking. We should wear out, not rust out. Young men should cultivate their head and hearts, both in regard to religion and education, instead of wasting the time and strength which God has given them in pursuits and attending places where their edification is neglected. He brought in a story to add point to his plea on behalf of literary societies, by mentioning the case of a church which had two ministers for its supply, when a lady member, condoling with the younger of the two for the sparsely attended morning services, at which he officiated, gave as the reason, that people considered him shallow, but that she liked shallow preaching, and so she attended. So let us take advantage of all the opportunities that are within our reach, that we may show that we are not shallow.

Miss Broadfoot favored with a piece of instrumental music, for which she received the applause of the audience.

The debate then took place by the appointing of the Rev. Mr. Kinley as pro tem chairman, who called upon the various speakers to give their views, five minutes being allowed each to deliver himself. The chairman, after having heard the pros and cons, gave it, as his decision, that the negative side had the best of it, which appeared to be in keeping with the views of the audience.

A vote of thanks was given the rev. gentleman for filling the chair so ably.

We were glad to see the Rev. Mr. Murdin at the meeting. We hope to hear from him now and again, as he is well able to sharpen us up by giving us food for reflection. He did not feel well enough to speak, though requested to do so.

The society's thanks are due the English Church for the use of their organ for the first night, as also for their permission to use on any future occasion, with-

out charge. We hope the society will be able to reciprocate.

This ended the first meeting of the society, which was then dismissed by the president, who, we may say, by his short comments on the programme, showed he was well qualified to fill it.

We bespeak for the society a better attendance next night, as it is good both for old and young. "Come with us and we will do thee good." (*An historical sidelight is provided in the above by the note of appreciation re the use of the organ, etc. It seems that the Andrews' Hall served as "church" for the Anglican congregation prior to the building of their first church building in 1887. It is also of interest to add that both buildings are still very much in use - the former as the Paris Cafe, the latter as part of The B. & M. Service complex on the corner of Morris & Wellington. Re the latter, a picture, with some historical data, appears in the 1941 Supplement in "Down Thro' the Ages"*).

EXPLANATION

To The Editor
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: Hearing rumors are afloat that I received rent for municipal clerk's office from the municipality of Westbourne, I beg to contradict same. No rent was ever paid for a clerk's office since incorporation as a municipality in 1878; and I would refer those interested to the various Auditors' Reports for verification of above statement.

Your obedient servant,
Gladstone, John Mason.
Jan. 17, 1885.

SCHOOL MATTERS

To The Editor
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Sir: School matters in Lakeside have brought to light the fact that I (and not myself alone) have been belied and scandalized concerning school affairs, and I take the liberty, through the columns of your paper of justifying myself. Of course, our school affairs interest (or annoy) only the ratepayers of our own school district, but when an individual or individuals are belied, I find it is not kept within the bounds of a school section; therefore when we find any person so pig-headed and ignorant as to condemn a man unheard, then I think it is time to speak.

Late in 1883 the settlers of Lakeside thought fit to petition the council to have a school section formed. A meeting was duly called, trustees elected and a site for the school chosen. I was then elected sec.-treas., which office I still hold.

Tenders were asked for the erection of the school house. I, as

well as two others, put in a tender. My tender was accepted and no doubt, for that reason, my brother, being one of the trustees, the false reports are more readily believed.

The building was completed before the specified time, stood the inspection of the trustees; also of the school inspector, and is a credit to the settlement, not because I was the contractor, (for I no more than fulfilled my contract) but because the trustees thought fit to erect a good and substantial building at a small cost to meet the requirements of the people.

I will not go in details here, or take up too much space in your already crowded columns, regarding our transactions or money matters, as it would not interest outsiders, but I wish to invite all ratepayers, and more especially two non-residents residing at Westbourne, who appear to be the chief grumblers, and apparently, both tarred with the same brush, to attend our annual school meeting on the first Monday in February, to give myself and others a chance to clear ourselves of any blame that may have been laid in our charge.

We have also a black sheep in our midst which is not hard to find, hence the scandalous reports.

Another word, Mr. Editor, and I am finished. I would simply call the attention of the trustees to the fact that the education of the children should not be neglected through the stubbornness of their parents as is well known to them in one case at least.

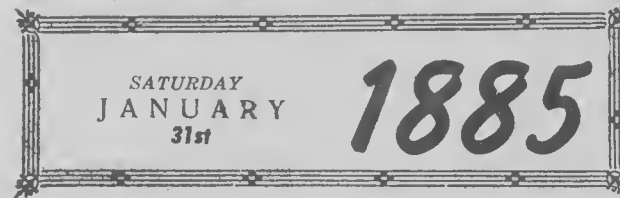
A. Lacky,
Sec.-Treas., Lakeside
School District, Lakeside.
Jan. 11, 1885.

ERRORS IN PRONUNCIATION

The following from the "Homiletic Review" is well worthy of notice as a test of pronunciation. The writer says that he has never heard it read aloud at sight with less than five errors, and sometimes as high as 28 from ministers of prominence. Forty words are often mispronounced by those who lay claim to culture. The words usually mispronounced are nearly all in daily use. Any pronunciation allowed by Webster or Worcester may be used:

"A sacrilegious son of Belial, who suffered from bronchitis, having exhausted his finances, in order to make good the deficit, resolved to ally himself to a comely, lenient, and docile young lady of the Malay or Caucasian race. He accordingly purchased a callopie, and a necklace of a chameleon hue, and having secured a suite of rooms at a leading hotel near the depot, he engaged the head-waiter as his coadjutor. He then dispatched a

letter of the most unexceptionable calligraphy extant, inviting the young lady to a matinee. She revolted at the idea, refused to consider herself sacrificable to his designs, & sent a polite note of refusal; on receiving which he said he would not now forge fetters hymeneal with the queen. He then procured a carbine and a bowie knife, went to an isolated



SAT., JAN. 31st, 1885:

((Editorial)) . . .

We read in last week's Liberal a letter commenting on our connection with town sec.-treasurer's tendering. We make no complaints about its tone, which would be all right enough, if the facts were so. Our purpose in noticing it is somewhat different. It is to call the attention of any here who feel, at times, impelled to comment on passing events in our midst, to the fact that our paper appears to be the proper medium through which to reach our own interested reading public. Let the communication be only dictated in the interests of the community, or in justice to an individual, it will make no difference whether we should come in for a deserved share of adverse criticism, our duty is, and we shall endeavour to act up to it, to publish it.

TENDERS WANTED

Tenders wanted for Cutting Ditch across the Westbourne Marsh; 16 feet wide; 5 miles long. Particulars on application to:

R. T. Riley,
Box 169, Winnipeg.

NOTICE

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Saturday evening, Jan. 31st, for finishing Florence Schoolhouse, where detailed plans of the work to be done can be seen. A. McKenzie, Florence School Dist.

NOTICE

On and after Feb. 1st payment of County Taxes, with 5 per cent costa added, will be enforced.

T. L. Morton,
Treas., West. Mun.

LOCAL

Hunt your own pork, neighbor!

Mr. C. Munro, of Westbourne, who has been ailing, is now recovering.

spot behind an abode of squalor, severed his juglar vein, and discharged the contents of the carbine into his abdomen. The debris was removed by the coroner, who, from leading a life in the culture of belles-lettres and literature, had become a sergeant-at-arms in the legislature of Arkansas."

Rev. F. Jephcott's subject to-morrow evening will be "Consideration."

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Mason is recovering from her recent illness.

Some Pinecreekers have lost a few cattle recently.

Mr. D. Ferguson has got down to work on his big tie contract.

Who's responsible for the congratulatory pilgrimages to the north?

Several loads of lumber from Mr. Smith's mill were hauled into town this week.

The melancholy news that a brother died suddenly from heart disease in Chicago reached Mr. J. Leslie, of Livingstone, this week.

Mr. Switzer, late of Pine Creek, and now of Shellmouth, is on a visit to the old ranch. He intends to stay about 10 days. (*It is well for readers to remember that in early pioneer times the district just a few miles south of Golden Stream was called "Pine Creek" because of the settlement along the banks of the creek that bears the name. Pine-Creekers of later years straddled the little spring-fed stream some 8 to 12 miles closer to its source, in the sand hills*)).

Quite a few travellers of Winnipeg houses were pushing business here this week, among them being Mr. Greig, of O'Laughlin Bros.

The shipping of baled hay from this quarter has commenced. The C.P.R. Co. are the shippers thro' their agent, Mr. Gardner. Their inspector was here the other day examining it.

Messrs. J. A. Best and D. Cameron went away Wednesday to Lake Manitoba on the fishing business. To buy, not to catch, we opine. Mr. Beck, of Palestine, is also along.

Mr. Plouint., a brother-in-law of Mr. Doherty, of this town, from Eastern Ontario, has been paying him a visit this week. He returned east on Thursday.

On account of the town council meeting next Wednesday, the literary society's meeting will come off on Friday.

An ox-team made a very fair attempt on Wednesday last to load Morris Avenue bridge on to their hay rack, but they backed out of the job they had so well begun.

The celebrated Ogilvie case in which a few of our townsmen are interested, had a new hearing this week in Winnipeg. Mr. Cory, clerk of the county court, went down on it Tuesday, in addition to the interested parties.

An attempt is being made to start a curling club in town which ought to meet with success. Apart from the healthfulness and interest attached to the game, it affords grand scope for cultivating the social principle which we can never have too much of.

Mr. Stephen Knight has been handling beef and pork on a new plan here. Buying it alive, then killing and shipping it by car. He carries an apparatus for butchering along with him. He will be back next week when he will be open to buy beef or pork ad libitum. (*Some 4 yrs. later, in the Spring of 1889 "S. Knight" had his small sign reaching out toward Morris Ave. from the Andrews' Hall bldg. This sign can be seen, but not read, in the 1889 picture of Morris Ave. that appears in the Jan. "1884" booklet*)).

We were not aware till lately that Mr. F. Davidson felt so thoroughly recovered as to have accepted a Methodist preaching appointment in Minnesota, whither he went last week. We wish him success in work so congenial to his aspirations. (*A son in all probability of that pioneer settler, whose log house (built in 1871 or '72) was quite a landmark all down the years, and as the home of the Thompson sisters, Lillian, Flora May & Gladys until their modern home was erected*)).

ROSERIDGE MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The second meeting of the Roseridge Mutual Improvement Society was held in the house of Mr. T. Loudan on Wednesday evening, 14 inst. Mr. W. D. Ferguson occupied the chair. A varied and attractive programme, consisting of readings, recitations, dialogues, songs, etc., was gone thro' with in a manner that reflected great credit on all who took part in it. A large audience was present, and seemed to be highly delighted with the evening's proceedings. — J. M. Ogston, Sec. (*We never see the name "Ogston" that we are not reminded of a kindly, old gentleman that we were introduced to at Arden shortly after we took over The Age in 1938. Old Mr. Boughton (he was close to 90) — he who*

started the dynasty of clerkships in Lansdowne Municipality — desired that we should meet another of the real pioneers of that district. In conversation with him & mentioning a hope, as editor, to publish as much of the early history as possible, he expressed a fervent hope that we would, and promised all the support he could give, he desired so much to see their history recorded).

GLADSTONE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Results of Fourth Quarterly Written Examinations for Year ending January 1885

IV STANDARD

(Maximum number of marks attainable in Geometry, Algebra, Arithmetic, Grammar, History, Geography, Spelling, Dictation and Reading—800).

John W. Rose, 598; Nettie Findlay, 553; Barbara Rose, 547; G. M. Clubb, 374; J. T. Broadfoot, 363.

STANDARD III

(Maximum number of marks attainable in reading, geography, spelling & dictation, grammar and arithmetic—500).

F. M. Kinley, 398; E. Ferguson, 389; J. McBride, 336; T. Broadfoot, 326; J. Small, 318; T. Neville, 304; G. E. Hyndman, 300; H. Hyndman, 296; T. E. Herron, 287; J. Hockin, 222; S. Murdin, 198.

JUNIOR III

(Maximum number of marks in dictation, spelling & arithmetic—300).

Maggie M. Rose, 264; Minnie Willisroft, 258; Adam Small, 249; Peter Ferguson, 235; John Foster, 227; H. H. Clubb, 224; Jas. Herron, 213; William Kinley, 209.

II STANDARD

(Maximum number of marks in reading, dictation, spelling & arithmetic—300).

Nellie Findlay, 268; Mary I. Kinley, 258; Edwin Rose, 257; Annie Blackmore, 238; Maggie L. Rose, 224; Wm. Blackmore, 218; Louisa Herron, 204; S. B. Willisroft, 195; P. McBride, 178; John Cory, 172.

The examiners take pleasure in testifying to the greater progress made in this over any of the three preceding quarters, as evidenced by the examination papers.

GLADSTONE LITERARY SOCIETY

The society held its regular meeting last Wed. evening in Andrews' Hall, with the President, Mr. D. Rintoul, in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read by the secretary.

On motion of the chairman the next meeting will be held on Friday, the 6th Feb., when the debate, "The federation of Great Britain and her Colonies would be advisable," will be held. It is expected that it will be a good night.

A collection will be taken up.

Mr. Halliday then commenced the business of the evening by giving a reading 'On the theatre,' its uses and abuses, which went to show that the acting part might be very well superseded by the reciting or declaiming of a piece. This was the use of the drama in Ancient Greece, but to please the multitude, we suppose, it has been dragged down from its elevating sentiment to a lower tone, and so cause people to think that it is time that it was levelled up again. It's his first essay, which was creditably done.

Miss Murdin then gave a song entitled "Scotch Lassie Jean," accompanying herself on the organ. It was well executed.

Mr. Neville, and boy and girl, then gave a trumpet obligato in their usual recherche style. (*He dug deep for this one. It means, "Sought out with care; choice; of rare quality or elegance; (Often jocose). No doubt it "fitted" the performance even better than we may imagine*).

Mrs. Schooley then treated the society to a reading about a marriage party which went along without a hitch till it came to the bride's turn to repeat the words "to hold and to keep" when she burst into laughter to the great disgust of the clergyman, who, on her repetition of the laughing process at being requested to repeat the obnoxious words, read her a homily on her want of decorum, which had the soothing effect of quieting her risible faculties, and aiding her to go through the service with a good grace. When asked why she had laughed at that particular part of the service, she said it appeared to her to be so ludicrous to "hold and to keep" that great big fellow all her days, that she could not help but laugh. Mrs. Schooley did justice to the piece by giving it with great naivete.

Miss Davidson then sang to her own accompaniment a song which was well rendered, her articulation being good. We must compliment Miss Davidson on her great improvement since last we heard her. Her voice has improved wonderfully, as well as her style. We hope to have the pleasure of hearing her at our society meetings often.

The spelling bee or match was then in order, when, after doing their dead level best, they were ordered to their seats by their examiner as a particularly fine bright class of boys indeed.

The chairman then announced that the secretary would bring round slips of paper to the members to write a subject on, after which they were to be mixed and then drawn by the members, who had to speak upon the subject they drew, which called forth some laughable and instructive impromptu speaking, from the

Messrs. Davidson, Broadfoot, Jones, Dean and Rev. Mr. Kinley, the two latter being well up on their subjects, viz., love and spelling. Mr. Dean, being a married man, had no difficulty in rehearsing his own experience, which he did in a poetic vein in fine style. Rev. Mr. Kinley then gave his subject, spelling, a careful and instructive handling. He said good spelling could be acquired by sound as well as by sight, instancing an example of sight from one of his schoolmasters, who could by merely looking at a word once remember it ever afterwards. His remarks were well worthy the attention of the society.

The chairman then dismissed the assembly.

It encourages the society to see the people coming out so well. They intend getting up good programmes, so that the interest, as also the improvement of the society, may be kept up.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: It will be admitted by all that the Public School is one of the most important institutions in the land, and therefore all good citizens should be interested in the proper working, and efficient management, of the same.

The people of Gladstone have evinced praiseworthy interest in their school in many respects. They have secured an efficient and faithful teacher in the person of Mr. Best. But owing to the want of room and appliances his work is rendered difficult & often his position must be very trying, and the progress of the pupils retarded; and the health of both teacher and scholars endangered and actually injured. What is . . .

THE REMEDY?

The best would be a school room of sufficient size with all necessary appliances. But it is a foregone conclusion, that such cannot be had, so something less, which is of the most pressing nature should be attended to without delay. At present the room is very much crowded and unless the windows are opened to admit the fresh air, the room will soon become very unhealthy, and if the windows are opened the result will be a flood of cold, frosty air engulfing the scholars and the effect is fast, very fast. The foundation of disease may be laid, if cold and inflammation are not the immediate result. A proper system of ventilation could be provided at little expense and great injury thereby averted.

Yours truly,

PRO BONO PUBLICO

Gladstone, Jan. 26, 1885.



"Holyrood" House, Pioneer Home - Now Gone

The above picture shows a house that was closely linked with pioneer history until dismantled in 1980, after Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Wickstead were well established in their modern home.

Located 3 miles west of town on the old Sask. Trail, it was the farm home of the Peter Crouter family when the John McLennans, of Lucknow, Ont., moved west in 1891 with the remainder of their brood of 2 sons and 4 daughters to make this their new home. (Dan, in 1889; Neil & J.K., in 1890, had preceded them). With thoughts of Scotland still in their minds Mr. and Mrs. McLennan named their hospitable dwelling "Holyrood". It continued in the McLennan name for some 30 years, when Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott and their family of 4 girls took it over. Later when the Scotts moved to town it became the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wickstead, and continues in that name.

The picture shows Mr. Wickstead, Sr., after he had the old house "spruced up" with the then popular insul-bric siding, in 1951. Unfortunately he was not allowed to enjoy its comfort for long, for a year later, in '52, he took ill & passed away in a few months.



H. W. West (and Bride)

ELECTED REEVE OF WESTBOURNE MUNICIPALITY, 1885



Grade One — Gladstone School — 1956 - 1957

BACK ROW: Douglas Lukin; Errol Ferguson; Murray Moon(?); Danny Kerr; Robert Milne; Jack Corlett; Michael Otto; James Branson; Douglas Grant; Leslie Thomson; Brian Lloy; CENTRE ROW: Richard Hayward; Angelo Hando; Sheila Pohl; Kathleen Slade; (Barbara Hooper or Eliz. Corlett); Linda Hanna; Linda Metcalfe; Joy Pritchett; Mary Jahrsdorfer; Stanley Willis; FRONT: Gail Reid; Frances Morton; Shelby Smith; Norman Kennedy; Ronald Gregory; Terry McLaughlin; Donald McAskill; David Brown(?); Linda McLenehan; Patricia Spence.
— (Miss Helen Broadfoot, Teacher)